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**Subject:** Railbelt Electrical Grid Authority Study - Request for Stakeholder Input

To REGA Stakeholders:

First, the Black & Veatch project team appreciates your involvement in last week's REGA Technical Conference. We found the discussion and information provided very useful in better understanding the underlying issues and conditions that need to be addressed in the REGA assessment.

As I mentioned during my comments, it is very important for us to obtain input from all stakeholders. To that end, we offer the following three opportunities for everyone to provide us with additional information:

- o We have prepared the following file to provide an opportunity for you to respond to specific questions as well as to provide any additional comments. We ask that you review this file and **provide us with any comments by December 31st**. Please send your comments directly to me at the e-mail address above.

<<Stakeholder Input Form.doc>>

- o Second, we ask you to send us any reference documents that you believe we should consider during the course of the project. Again, **please send these documents directly to me electronically, or send hard copies to me at the address below, by December 31st**.
- o We also offer the opportunity for you to **meet with Black & Veatch project team members in Anchorage**, at the AEA offices (813 W. Northern Lights Boulevard), on the following dates:
  - Tuesday, 1/8
  - Wednesday, 1/9
  - Thursday, 1/10
  - Tuesday, 1/22
  - Wednesday, 1/23
  - Thursday, 1/24

If you are interested in meeting with us, **please contact Sherrie Siverson, AEA/AIDEA Administrative Assistant**, at 907-269-4693. She will schedule a time.

**For those not located in Anchorage**, and who can not make it easily to Anchorage, we will also set up times to meet at other locations. This schedule will be developed in concert with meetings (which have yet to be set up) with the REGA Advisory Group at certain locations throughout the Railbelt. If you would like to meet at another location, please call Sherrie and let her know your desire. We will try to set up meetings in person or, alternatively, we will set up times to hold discussions on the telephone.

Please feel free to give me a call at (425) 427-1652 if you have any questions.

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Thank you very much for your input,  
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**Subject:** Re: Governor's Remarks

I won't be near a pc to make any more edits on my speech after circulating it last night... I'm booked from my commute in, to this morning's speech, to filming a PSA... so someone else will have to figure out how to make addl edits before the press event - thank you.  
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Mike,

Sorry I missed your call today. I just picked up messages tonight and left you a message on your cell. I think the governor's draft remarks are generally pretty good but I have a few suggested changes:

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That's all I have. Looks like good work so far. Thanks.

Sean

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**Subject:** Re: Presser

We are blessed! What a great team to work with.

Also, I just appreciate your willingness to call everyone onto the court to do the job. Thanks for including me in that effort.

You've got great instincts, you've demonstrated proper and solid leadership in the last year, and we are all thankful to have you as our governor. You are there for some special purposes that have begun to unfold and I am thrilled to be rowing with you!

Sean

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**Sent:** Mon Dec 10 19:37:53 2007  
**Subject:** Presser

Awesome job today on budget!!! Thank you all so much for your great work. That process resulted in not only a great work product for Alaska, but great messaging too.

Thanks very much.

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I'd like to reply "live and learn" but I know better than to make promises I can't keep.

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Oh, it was much more chaotic in the campaign... but just as much fun!  
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Man this is terrible, but this reminds me of the time in May of 06 when we sent out 3 press releases on the brown shirts and the blue shirts.

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Media Advisory

A paragraph about the Seismic Hazards Safety Commission in the Boards and Commissions press release should read as follows:

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Governor Palin appointed Celaena Powder to the Suicide Prevention Council.

A paragraph about the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee should read:

Governor Palin appointed Raelene Active, Kana Howarth and Richard Isett Jr. to the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

A corrected release is attached.

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RELEASE

No. 07-240c

#### Governor Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

#### Fisheries Research, Oil Spill Response and Earthquake Safety

December 10, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced a number of appointments to state boards and commissions responsible for fisheries research and management, oil spill planning and response, earthquake safety, and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide.

#### North Pacific Research Board

Governor Palin appointed Steve MacLean, and reappointed Dorothy Childers, Gerry Merrigan, Pam Pope and Denis Wiesenburg to the North Pacific Research Board.

The Research Board is responsible for managing a comprehensive science program relating



to the fisheries and marine ecosystems in the North Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean. It recommends, prioritizes and awards funding to research projects; promotes scientific cooperation and collaboration; and supports enhanced public understanding of those ecosystems and fisheries. Its 11 members are drawn from federal and state management and research agencies, including five appointed by Alaska's governor, to serve three-year terms.

MacLean, of Anchorage, is an Inupiaq subsistence whale hunter who crews a whaling boat in Barrow. He has served on the Research Board's advisory committee and its local and traditional knowledge committee. MacLean earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Whitman College, and a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries science from Texas A&M University. He was appointed to an advisory seat representing the interests of Alaska Natives.

Childers of Anchorage, is program director and former executive director of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, which advocates for marine and coastal conservation in Alaska. She is a representative on the Alaska Sea Grant Public Advisory Group and a director of the Marine Fish Conservation Network. Childers has advocated for sustainable fishing by protecting habitat and minimizing bycatch. She recently won a three-year, \$150,000 fellowship from the Pew Institute for Ocean Science to study climate change in the Bering Sea. Childers holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York-Empire State. She has served on the board since 2005, and was reappointed to a seat representing environmental organizations.

Merrigan, of Petersburg, works in government affairs for Prowler Fisheries of Petersburg. A commercial salmon troller and halibut fisherman since 1984, he is currently a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He has previously served on the Pacific Salmon Commission, Northern Panel, and was director of the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association. Merrigan has also worked as a forestry technician, boat carpenter, and state fisheries biologist. He holds a bachelor's degree in science from Rollins College and a master's degree in forestry from Duke University. Merrigan was appointed to a seat representing the fishing interests.

Pope, of Anchorage, is a project health, safety and environmental manager with BP Alaska Exploration, Inc., and has held a variety of health, safety and environmental support and management positions with the company, including environmental policy analyst, scientist and engineer. She has worked for BP for 26 years, including more than 20 years of experience supporting onshore and offshore oil exploration and production in Alaska, including managing North Slope environmental research projects, and writing oil spill and pollution control plans. She has served on numerous state and international organizations relating to the oil industry's environmental protection efforts. Pope earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from California State University-Long Beach, and a master's degree in environmental quality science and engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

She has served on the Research Board since 2001 and was reappointed to a seat representing oil and gas interests.

Wiesenburg, of Fairbanks, is dean of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His extensive career in research and academia includes work as professor and chair of marine sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi; associate director of the geochemical and environmental research group at Texas A&M University; and oceanographer with the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. He has been heavily involved in fisheries and oceanography issues and research, with his numerous published articles addressing issues including water composition and quality. Wiesenburg holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Duke University, a master's degree in oceanography from Old Dominion University and a doctorate in oceanography from Texas A&M University. He has served on the Research Board since 2005 and was reappointed to a seat representing academia.

#### Pacific Salmon Commission, Northern Panel

Governor Palin appointed Brian Frenette to the Northern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

The Northern Panel is one of several regional panels that provide technical and regulatory advice on salmon stocks to the Pacific Salmon Commission, created by a 1985 treaty to coordinate West Coast salmon management. The panels help negotiate and implement treaty provisions, and draw on technical data, annual plans, regulations and salmon enhancement programs to make pre- and post-season recommendations to the Commission. The Northern Panel includes representatives of government and fishing interests, nominated by the governor and appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, to four-year terms.

Frenette, of Juneau, is the Southeast regional sportfishing supervisor for the Department of Fish and Game. His previous work for the department in Southeast Alaska included positions as project leader for salmon habitat research, for marine creel surveys, and for fisheries research, and as seafood industry liaison. He has published scientific papers on fish management issues relating to Southeast fisheries. Frenette earned a bachelor's degree in water resources and aquatic biology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. As the governor's Alaska alternate appointment to the panel, he need not be appointed by the Secretary.

Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board

Governor Palin reappointed Pete Kompkoff, Doug Lentsch, George Levasseur, Bill Lindow and Glenn Ujioka to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute's Advisory Board.

The Institute was established in federal law in 1990 after the Exxon Valdez oil spill to identify and develop the best available techniques, equipment and materials to deal with cold-water marine oil spills, and to help federal and state officials document, assess and understand the long-term effects of such spills. It is guided by its Advisory Board, which includes representatives of state and federal agencies dealing with oil spills, marine scientists, Alaska Natives and residents of communities affected by the Exxon Valdez spill. Members are appointed to two-year terms.

Kompkoff, of Chenega Bay, is a commercial gillnet fisherman in Prince William Sound, and a member of the gillnetters' and piledrivers' unions. He attended the Bates Vocational Technical Institute in Washington and graduated from Shasta College. He has been active in tribal government, having served as president of the Chenega Village Council. Kompkoff was reappointed to a seat representing Alaska Natives from communities affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Lentsch, of Nikiski, has been general manager of Cook Inlet Spill & Prevention Inc. since 1995. He spent 25 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. During the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 he served as chief of the Coast Guard's Pollution Response Branch in Washington, D.C., responsible for writing and putting into effect regulations requiring spill contingency plans for vessels and facilities. Lentsch and his office provided significant technical assistance to Congress in planning for and drafting the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. He earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Montana State University. Lentsch was reappointed to a seat representing the oil and gas industry.

Levasseur, of Valdez, is a commercial fisherman and charter boat captain who retired as a state road and airport operations manager. He is a 29-year member of the Valdez Fisheries Development Board, and has been on the PWS Regional Citizens' Advisory Council. Levasseur is a member of the core fleet of SERVS fishing vessels trained to respond to oil spills in the Sound. He graduated from the University of Minnesota. Levasseur was reappointed to a seat representing Sound fishermen.

Lindow, of Cordova, has been a commercial salmon gillnetter in Copper River and Prince William Sound since 1978 and a halibut fisherman in the Gulf of Alaska since 1997. He has served on the board of the PWS Aquaculture Corp., the Copper River Fisherman's Cooperative and the Copper River Salmon Producers Association, and as a member of the PWS Regional Citizen's Advisory Council. Lindow attended the University of Colorado and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He was reappointed to a seat representing fishing organizations.

Ujioka, of Cordova, is a commercial salmon gillnetter in Copper River and Prince William Sound. He works as a maintenance equipment operator for an Alaska Native consortium that contracts the Alyeska's SERVS fleet of oil tanker escort vessels in the Sound. He has been active on various boards and commissions, including the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, the Chugachmiut Environmental Conservation Consortium and the Native Village of Eyak, serving on its board for more than a decade. Ujioka was reappointed to a seat representing Alaska Natives.

#### Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Governor Palin appointed Yvonne Sarren to the Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The task force was created by the Legislature in May to consider ways to improve the operations and management of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the

state board responsible for reducing such assaults. The 15-member task force includes members appointed by the Governor and Legislature, plus state department officials, assault victims, and others with responsibilities for and interest in the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. It is to deliver a report with its recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by March 1, 2008.

Sarren, of Unalakleet, is a tribal enrollment officer for the Native Village of Unalakleet. She has worked in tribal enrollment in Barrow and in her hometown of Wainwright, and has also worked as a jailer/dispatcher for the Unalakleet Police Department. She graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and attended Sheldon Jackson College. She was appointed to a seat on the task force representing a community of fewer than 2,500 residents.

#### Suicide Prevention Council

Governor Palin appointed Celaena Powder to the Suicide Prevention Council.

The Suicide Prevention Council is responsible for developing and implementing a statewide suicide prevention plan, improving public awareness of suicide and enhancing suicide prevention services. It also advises the Governor and Legislature on comprehensive, collaborative, community-based and faith-based approaches to reducing suicide and its impacts on Alaskans and Alaska communities.

Powder, of Palmer, is a sophomore at Wasilla High School, where she is active in student government, serves on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District student advisory board, participates in soccer and cross-country running, and maintains an A average.

## Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

Governor Palin appointed Raelene Active, Kana Howarth and Richard Isett Jr. to the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

The Committee provides support, advice and guidance to state government and citizens to help reduce and prevent juvenile crime, and to provide young Alaskans with meaningful opportunities to succeed in life. It includes representatives from local government, law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, and public and private agencies dealing with juvenile justice. At least one-fifth of its members must be younger than 24 when appointed, and at least three members must now be, or have been, under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

Active, 17, of Eagle River, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. She is home-schooling in anticipation of soon enrolling at Chugiak High School as a senior.

Howarth, 17, of Kotzebue, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. She now attends Kotzebue Adult Basic Education at the Alaska Technical Center.

Isett, 22, of Kenai, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. He now attends Kenai Peninsula College and works at Spenard Builders Supply in Kenai.

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Roberts currently serves as the state hazard mitigation office for the department's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, where he oversees the state's earthquake and tsunami hazard mitigation programs. Roberts has nine years of experience as captain, incident commander and strike team leader for the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department. He has worked in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort as a supervisor of temporary housing in Mississippi for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. An ordained minister, he spent 10 years as a chaplain for the Anchorage Police Department, and 14 years as senior pastor of Grace Brethren Church in Eagle River. Roberts earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis and a doctorate in theology from the Dallas Theological Seminary.

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**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: CORRECTED Press Release: Governor Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Man this is terrible, but this reminds me of the time in may of 06 when we sent out 3 press releases om the brown shirts and the blue shirts.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Yocom, Lauren J (GOV) <lauren.yocom@alaska.gov>  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)  
**Cc:** Yocom, Lauren J (GOV)  
**Sent:** Mon Dec 10 17:42:59 2007  
**Subject:** CORRECTED Press Release: Governor Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Media Advisory

A paragraph about the Seismic Hazards Safety Commission in the Boards and Commissions press release should read as follows:

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Governor Palin appointed Celaena Powder to the Suicide Prevention Council.

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A corrected release is attached.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
No. 07-240c

Governor Makes Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Fisheries Research, Oil Spill Response and Earthquake Safety

December 10, 2007, Anchorage, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced a number of appointments to state boards and commissions responsible for fisheries research and management, oil spill planning and response, earthquake safety, and prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide.

## North Pacific Research Board

Governor Palin appointed Steve MacLean, and reappointed Dorothy Childers, Gerry Merrigan, Pam Pope and Denis Wiesenburg to the North Pacific Research Board.

The Research Board is responsible for managing a comprehensive science program relating to the fisheries and marine ecosystems in the North Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, and Arctic Ocean. It recommends, prioritizes and awards funding to research projects; promotes scientific cooperation and collaboration; and supports enhanced public understanding of those ecosystems and fisheries. Its 11 members are drawn from federal and state management and research agencies, including five appointed by Alaska's governor, to serve three-year terms.

MacLean, of Anchorage, is an Inupiaq subsistence whale hunter who crews a whaling boat in Barrow. He has served on the Research Board's advisory committee and its local and traditional knowledge committee. MacLean earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Whitman College, and a master's degree in wildlife and fisheries science from Texas A&M University. He was appointed to an advisory seat representing the interests of Alaska Natives.

Childers of Anchorage, is program director and former executive director of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, which advocates for marine and coastal conservation in Alaska. She is a representative on the Alaska Sea Grant Public Advisory Group and a director of the Marine Fish Conservation Network. Childers has advocated for sustainable fishing by protecting habitat and minimizing bycatch. She recently won a three-year, \$150,000 fellowship from the Pew Institute for Ocean Science to study climate change in the Bering Sea. Childers holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York-Empire State. She has served on the board since 2005, and was reappointed to a seat representing environmental organizations.

Merrigan, of Petersburg, works in government affairs for Prowler Fisheries of Petersburg. A commercial salmon troller and halibut fisherman since 1984, he is currently a member of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He has previously served on the Pacific

Salmon Commission, Northern Panel, and was director of the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association. Merrigan has also worked as a forestry technician, boat carpenter, and state fisheries biologist. He holds a bachelor's degree in science from Rollins College and a master's degree in forestry from Duke University. Merrigan was appointed to a seat representing the fishing interests.

Pope, of Anchorage, is a project health, safety and environmental manager with BP Alaska Exploration, Inc., and has held a variety of health, safety and environmental support and management positions with the company, including environmental policy analyst, scientist and engineer. She has worked for BP for 26 years, including more than 20 years of experience supporting onshore and offshore oil exploration and production in Alaska, including managing North Slope environmental research projects, and writing oil spill and pollution control plans. She has served on numerous state and international organizations relating to the oil industry's environmental protection efforts. Pope earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from California State University-Long Beach, and a master's degree in environmental quality science and engineering from the University of Alaska Anchorage. She has served on the Research Board since 2001 and was reappointed to a seat representing oil and gas interests.

Wiesenburg, of Fairbanks, is dean of the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His extensive career in research and academia includes work as professor and chair of marine sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi; associate director of the geochemical and environmental research group at Texas A&M University; and oceanographer with the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi. He has been heavily involved in fisheries and oceanography issues and research, with his numerous published articles addressing issues including water composition and quality. Wiesenburg holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Duke University, a master's degree in oceanography from Old Dominion University and a doctorate in oceanography from Texas A&M University. He has served on the Research Board since 2005 and was reappointed to a seat representing academia.

Pacific Salmon Commission, Northern Panel

Governor Palin appointed Brian Frenette to the Northern Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

The Northern Panel is one of several regional panels that provide technical and regulatory

advice on salmon stocks to the Pacific Salmon Commission, created by a 1985 treaty to coordinate West Coast salmon management. The panels help negotiate and implement treaty provisions, and draw on technical data, annual plans, regulations and salmon enhancement programs to make pre- and post-season recommendations to the Commission. The Northern Panel includes representatives of government and fishing interests, nominated by the governor and appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, to four-year terms.

Frenette, of Juneau, is the Southeast regional sportfishing supervisor for the Department of Fish and Game. His previous work for the department in Southeast Alaska included positions as project leader for salmon habitat research, for marine creel surveys, and for fisheries research, and as seafood industry liaison. He has published scientific papers on fish management issues relating to Southeast fisheries. Frenette earned a bachelor's degree in water resources and aquatic biology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. As the governor's Alaska alternate appointment to the panel, he need not be appointed by the Secretary.

#### Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute Advisory Board

Governor Palin reappointed Pete Kompkoff, Doug Lentsch, George Levasseur, Bill Lindow and Glenn Ujioka to the Prince William Sound Oil Spill Recovery Institute's Advisory Board.

The Institute was established in federal law in 1990 after the Exxon Valdez oil spill to identify and develop the best available techniques, equipment and materials to deal with cold-water marine oil spills, and to help federal and state officials document, assess and understand the long-term effects of such spills. It is guided by its Advisory Board, which includes representatives of state and federal agencies dealing with oil spills, marine scientists, Alaska Natives and residents of communities affected by the Exxon Valdez spill. Members are appointed to two-year terms.

Kompkoff, of Chenega Bay, is a commercial gillnet fisherman in Prince William Sound, and a member of the gillnetters' and piledrivers' unions. He attended the Bates Vocational Technical Institute in Washington and graduated from Shasta College. He has been active in tribal government, having served as president of the Chenega Village Council. Kompkoff

was reappointed to a seat representing Alaska Natives from communities affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Lentsch, of Nikiski, has been general manager of Cook Inlet Spill & Prevention Inc. since 1995. He spent 25 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. During the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989 he served as chief of the Coast Guard's Pollution Response Branch in Washington, D.C., responsible for writing and putting into effect regulations requiring spill contingency plans for vessels and facilities. Lentsch and his office provided significant technical assistance to Congress in planning for and drafting the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. He earned a bachelor's degree in geology from Montana State University. Lentsch was reappointed to a seat representing the oil and gas industry.

Levasseur, of Valdez, is a commercial fisherman and charter boat captain who retired as a state road and airport operations manager. He is a 29-year member of the Valdez Fisheries Development Board, and has been on the PWS Regional Citizens' Advisory Council. Levasseur is a member of the core fleet of SERVS fishing vessels trained to respond to oil spills in the Sound. He graduated from the University of Minnesota. Levasseur was reappointed to a seat representing Sound fishermen.

Lindow, of Cordova, has been a commercial salmon gillnetter in Copper River and Prince William Sound since 1978 and a halibut fisherman in the Gulf of Alaska since 1997. He has served on the board of the PWS Aquaculture Corp., the Copper River Fisherman's Cooperative and the Copper River Salmon Producers Association, and as a member of the PWS Regional Citizen's Advisory Council. Lindow attended the University of Colorado and the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. He was reappointed to a seat representing fishing organizations.

Ujioka, of Cordova, is a commercial salmon gillnetter in Copper River and Prince William Sound. He works as a maintenance equipment operator for an Alaska Native consortium that contracts the Alyeska's SERVS fleet of oil tanker escort vessels in the Sound. He has been active on various boards and commissions, including the Alaska Marine Conservation Council, the Chugachmiut Environmental Conservation Consortium and the Native Village of Eyak, serving on its board for more than a decade. Ujioka was reappointed to a seat representing Alaska Natives.

## Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Governor Palin appointed Yvonne Sarren to the Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

The task force was created by the Legislature in May to consider ways to improve the operations and management of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the state board responsible for reducing such assaults. The 15-member task force includes members appointed by the Governor and Legislature, plus state department officials, assault victims, and others with responsibilities for and interest in the problem of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska. It is to deliver a report with its recommendations to the Governor and Legislature by March 1, 2008.

Sarren, of Unalakleet, is a tribal enrollment officer for the Native Village of Unalakleet. She has worked in tribal enrollment in Barrow and in her hometown of Wainwright, and has also worked as a jailer/dispatcher for the Unalakleet Police Department. She graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and attended Sheldon Jackson College. She was appointed to a seat on the task force representing a community of fewer than 2,500 residents.

## Suicide Prevention Council

Governor Palin appointed Celaena Powder to the Suicide Prevention Council.

The Suicide Prevention Council is responsible for developing and implementing a statewide



suicide prevention plan, improving public awareness of suicide and enhancing suicide prevention services. It also advises the Governor and Legislature on comprehensive, collaborative, community-based and faith-based approaches to reducing suicide and its impacts on Alaskans and Alaska communities.

Powder, of Palmer, is a sophomore at Wasilla High School, where she is active in student government, serves on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District student advisory board, participates in soccer and cross-country running, and maintains an A average.

#### Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

Governor Palin appointed Raelene Active, Kana Howarth and Richard Isett Jr. to the Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

The Committee provides support, advice and guidance to state government and citizens to help reduce and prevent juvenile crime, and to provide young Alaskans with meaningful opportunities to succeed in life. It includes representatives from local government, law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies, and public and private agencies dealing with juvenile justice. At least one-fifth of its members must be younger than 24 when appointed, and at least three members must now be, or have been, under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system.

Active, 17, of Eagle River, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. She is home-schooling in anticipation of soon enrolling at Chugiak High School as a senior.

Howarth, 17, of Kotzebue, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. She now attends Kotzebue Adult Basic Education at the Alaska Technical Center.

Isett, 22, of Kenai, was appointed to a seat for a person who has been under the control of the juvenile justice system. He now attends Kenai Peninsula College and works at Spenard Builders Supply in Kenai.

#### Seismic Hazards Safety Commission

Governor Palin appointed Mark W. Roberts of Chugiak to a seat on the Seismic Hazards Safety Commission representing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The commission is responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature and private sectors on policies for seismic hazard mitigation and disaster preparedness, and on when to issue seismic hazard warnings.

Roberts currently serves as the state hazard mitigation office for the department's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, where he oversees the state's earthquake and tsunami hazard mitigation programs. Roberts has nine years of experience as captain, incident commander and strike team leader for the Chugiak Volunteer Fire Department. He has worked in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort as a supervisor of temporary housing in Mississippi for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. An ordained minister, he spent 10 years as a chaplain for the Anchorage Police Department, and 14 years as senior pastor of Grace Brethren Church in Eagle River. Roberts earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Davis and a doctorate in theology from the Dallas Theological Seminary.

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Lauren Yocom

Communications Assistant

Office of Governor Sarah Palin <<http://state.ak.us/>>

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 5:47 PM  
**To:** Mason; Janice L (GOV)  
**Cc:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)  
**Subject:** Re: General Casey

Sounds good. Thanks for checking!

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

-----Original Message-----

**From:** "Mason, Janice L (GOV)" <janice.mason@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Mon, 10 Dec 2007 17:06:28

**To:** Sarah Palin <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

**Cc:** "Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** General Casey

Governor - I just spoke with DMVA today on the arrival of General Casey. The General is flying on private jet to Ft. Wainwright (Fbks.) on Wednesday 12.12.07. The General is then late afternoon flying into ANC to meet w/Soldiers, Wounded Soldiers and Families. He will then fly out. His contact people said that he was only meeting with his soldiers at this time. Thanks, Janice

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**From:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=MANIZICH]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 4:06 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Re: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Yes

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**To:** Nizich, Michael A (GOV)  
**Sent:** Mon Dec 10 10:40:17 2007  
**Subject:** FW: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Okay to do?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 3:19 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Mr. Clay Sauer  
address: 3141 Storey Dr. North Pole AK 99705  
(907)488-6259

### MESSAGE:

Dear Honorable Palin,

My unit, B Company 1/52 Aviation Regiment "SUGARBEARS", is currently serving a 15 month tour in Iraq. The unit is requesting an official state flag from the Govenors Office to be flown in front of our headquarters to show our state pride.

Sincerely SSG Clay Sauer

clayton.sauer@us.army.mil

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**From:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:37 AM  
**To:** Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Mason; Janice L (GOV); Frank Bailey  
**Subject:** B and C

Can we do b and C today before dnr mtg instead of tomorrow?

Sent from my BlackBerry® device from Cellular One

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:26 AM  
**To:** ffraj@uaf.edu  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

### -----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2007 5:03 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Mr. ron johnson  
address: 2113 jack st faribanks AK 99709

### MESSAGE:

I urge you to support putting more than \$450 million to reduce the shortfall in TRS and PERS from the projected surplus over the next two years.

This item received substantial support in your recent survey.

ffraj@uaf.edu

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:25 AM  
**To:** artpeterson@gci.net  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2007 3:07 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Arthur Peterson

address: 9001 N. Douglas Rd. (P. O., Box 20444, Zip: 99802) Juneau AK 99801  
907-586-6374

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

Responding to your request for budget priority suggestions, I offer the following:

For wise use of some of the state's new oil revenue, I suggest restoring the Alaska Legal Services Corporation to the budget at a substantial amount. In the early 1980's, the state appropriation to ALSC was \$1.2 or 1.3 million, and the corporation was able to maintain 14 offices statewide. That amount gradually dwindled to the point where Frank Murkowski zeroed out the ALSC appropriation altogether a couple of years ago.

People have not gotten kinder to each other over the years, and the need of low-income people to have legal advice and legal representation in court has not diminished. ALSC provides civil-law legal help to thousands of these people each year, but many more thousands go unassisted. First, it is unfair for their income level to deprive them of access to our legal system. Second, when they find themselves in court, and having to represent themselves, their unfamiliarity with the procedures and the law clog the system for everybody.

It appears that Governor Murkowski did not care whether poor people have that assistance,



and, since a majority of ALSC's clients are Alaska Natives, it appears that he did not care about them either. I trust that, with your new approach to handling the state's business in the best interests of all of its people, you will restore ALSC to the budget -- and at a level that will enable the corporation to re-establish at least some of its rural offices and hire additional staff for the incredibly overburdened urban offices.

ALSC's budget is stretched very thin. It is efficient. ALSC's employees accept low salaries because they believe in the principle of providing access to the justice system regardless of the lack of income of their clients. Support of ALSC assures a huge "bang for the buck."

Thank you for considering this suggestion.

By way of introduction, I am a retired Juneau attorney who served 31 years on the ALSC board of directors (until 2005), as well as on various other state boards and commissions during my 41 years in Alaska.

Yours truly,

Art Peterson

artpeterson@pci.net

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:16 AM  
**To:** kobuk2124@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2007 2:54 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Education

Web mail from: Mr. Gary Currington  
address: 620 Goldmine Trail Fairbanks AK 99712

### MESSAGE:

Increasing funds to education programs is nice but will the overall increase cause a bump in spending and cost to taxpayer? It seems that budget increase causes some entities to consider it as an increase to the overall budget for their uses only and indirectly shift the future tax burden to homeowners or businesses. Also should not vouchers be allowed for use in the state of Alaska? Competition within the educational system may create new avenues of funding for the building infrastructure required for schools and buildings. If private entities choose to build and maintain schools less tax bonding requirements would be passed on to the taxpayers. The ongoing debt service and obligations that are passed on to the few citizens over the cost of a long-term loan by transient voters could be mitigated by private school use. Vouchers could be one avenue for private schools to fund their own necessary infrastructure. Overall cost to taxpayer should drop. Choices for parents would increase. Te

aching curriculum and policies more in accord with parents and concerned citizens. Thank

kobuk2124@yahoo.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:01 AM  
**To:** ryan.holt@gci.net  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2007 11:06 AM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Ryan Holt

address: 2531 W. Stonebridge Dr. Wasilla AK 99654  
907-232-1005

### MESSAGE:

[http://community.adn.com/adn\\_story\\_9416556#comment-98952](http://community.adn.com/adn_story_9416556#comment-98952)

They should have titled this article "Palin to line the pockets of Department of Education Buracrats" instead of mislabeling it as "boosting education". Shame on you ADN!

<http://www.adn.com/news/education/story/9505900p-9416575c.html>

Well, good thing our state is more concerned with raiding the treasury and passing out 11% raises (just in time for Christmas!) instead of keeping the heating system of our schools in good working order. <http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/matsu/story/9503691p-9414426c.html>

Glad the state can afford to pass out 11% raises and boost healthcare benifits all of the sudden, because surely that is not the same stupid, irresponsible behaivoir that got us 8.4 Billion dollars behind in the state pension to begin with.

[http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/ap\\_alaska/story/9504643p-9415383c.html](http://www.adn.com/news/alaska/ap_alaska/story/9504643p-9415383c.html)

When are we going to hear about CUTTING SPENDING AND PUTTING AN END TO WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING???

ryan.holt@gci.net

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:39 AM  
**To:** comeau\_carol@asdk12.org  
**Subject:** RE: Education

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Education

Web mail from: Ms. Carol Comeau

address: 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage AK 99504

742-4312

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Thank you so much for your vision, leadership, and support for our public schools this week. I cannot tell you how much all of us want to celebrate with you. The idea that we could actually plan ahead, really focus on student achievement, connecting with parents and families, and really digging into the serious issues of low graduation rates and high drop out rates excites me very much. We spend too much time trying to justify our collective needs, when we should be focused on teaching and learning.

You and your staff are to be commended for honoring the work of the Joint Funding Task Force and for honoring your commitments made during the election for early and forward funding.

My sincere thanks,

Carol Comeau

ASD Superintendent

comeau\_carol@asdk12.org

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:38 AM  
**To:** kevin789w@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** RE: Other

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 10:38 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Other

Web mail from: Mr. Kevin Wright  
address: 3830 east 64th ave anchorage AK 99507  
349-2173

### MESSAGE:

I would like to say thank you!!

my five year old daughter who has sight problems is a huge fan of yours we where at the at the zoo to see maggie when you came walking out after i am sure was a long day for you but you took the time to stop and talk to her up close where she could really see you with out even knowing you made her day that was all she could talk about.

Again I would just like to thank you for taking the time to acknowledge a little girl and thank you for not being a typical politician!!

sincerely Kevin E. Wright

kevin789w@yahoo.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:12 AM  
**To:** arthur@corlissfamily.org  
**Subject:** RE: Economic\_Development

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 6:33 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Economic\_Development

Web mail from: Mr. Arthur Corliss  
address: 3611 Hollyberry Circle Anchorage AK 99507

### MESSAGE:

You managed to get an absurd tax increased passed with ACES. Let's put more money into a fat and bloated government. We (my whole family voted for you) sent you to Juneau to clean house and reign in an abhorrent government that has the highest per-capita costs of any state government.

I expect you to reduce the size of the Alaskan government and per-capita spending. At the ridiculous levels we're at right now there is absolutely no excuse for \*any\* increases, not even inflationary adjustments.

At this point of your administration I have seen nothing that would compel me to vote for you a second time. We got rid of the big government/spend happy Democratic administration only to get stuck with a bought & paid for Republican administration. We got rid of him only to get someone who has yet, in my opinion, to do anything positive for our state.

You've increased taxes (brilliant move, BTW, given that the Feds are only a senate vote away from increasing their taxes as well), done virtually nothing to downsize government with your first budget, and screwed up the Mat-maid situation beyond belief.

Do you think Dan Fagan is upset? I don't even like him, but I'm far more angry than he



is. We were sold a bill of goods with you that I have yet to see any substance delivered on.

arthur@corlissfamily.org

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:10 AM  
**To:** ownedbymydwags@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

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**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 5:43 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Rebecca Henry  
address: HC 35 Box 5420K Wasilla AK 99654

### MESSAGE:

Mrs. Palin

I am a two and a half year employee of Mat Su Community Transit, better known as MASCOT, based in Wasilla. As you know, we operate on grant moneys, as long as we can meet them. Well, here is the schpeel. We are hanging on by a thin margin, and the grant match moneys are getting harder to raise due to rising fuel costs and maint. We are meeting our tails as we get ahead in any way.

I am not harping my own tune, just know the facts that this transit system is very appreciated and needed by those who use us to get where they need to go, i.e. doctors, physical therapy, basic grocery shopping, personal legal matters, you name it. The passengers have expressed their appreciation to me personally, and through the other drivers. The seniors of the valley who are unable to drive themselves anymore get all excited when we show up to pick them up, and most of them just want to go for the rides. Many agencies depend on us to get physically and mentally challenged clients to their places so they can do the day care that they are in the business for. These clients look forward to the trip there and home. Yes, we moved into our new home April 2006, but after moving into our own home, we have faced the rising costs of utilities, fuel, maintenance and upkeep of a new building. Before we moved, we were in City Hall in the old police station. You should remember that.

Bottom line, I am aware of where the "transportation" moneys are going, and more attention needs to be given to the "ground transportation" of the state. Yes, I know there is grant moneys available, but the guidelines to meeting the matching moneys needs to be relaxed a bit, so little companies like MASCOT can survive. Our fixed route ridership has fluctuated quite a bit, but the up side is larger than it was in 1999. KTUU News did a bit on us last month, as has ADN a couple years back, and big word of mouth. We are faced with

cutting routes, not a good idea or feeling, and staff to cut down on costs, and raising rates which will cut ridership down quite a bit. Several of our drivers are single income large families where one parent is needed home due to small children, and a few, like myself, are working just to make ends meet with a two income family. I know times are hard, but when the moneys are there to support a non profit business, why should they sit there gathering dust?

This is one idea I am sending to you, as a citizen, and an employee, of what to do with the excess oil tax moneys.

Thank you for listening

Sincerely,

Rebecca Henry

p.s. When you were mayor, and Wonderland Park opened up, you and Santa had a dog sled race from the Feed Store to the Park. I remember very well, it was my team that you were in the sled with. My friend Kim drove Santa. Good memory, huh?

Have a Merry Christmas!

ownedbymydawgs@hotmail.com

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**From:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored) [governor@alaska.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:07 AM  
**To:** stefaniedeaal@excite.com  
**Subject:** RE: Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 3:44 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Military\_and\_Veterans\_Affairs

Web mail from: Ms. Stefanie Deal

address: 8617 W. Lynnette Dr. Apt 4 Wasilla AK 99654

907-373-7965

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My name is Stefanie Deal, and I am writing you in regards to my brother, John Abraham Wren. He has been serving in the United States Airforce for the past four and a half years. He is 22 years old and has been over seas to Afghanistan, and as a soldier and defender of our homeland, I am in his debt. He has never been to Alaska, but as a resident myself, I have been witness to your fine work as Governor. He has recently found himself in an unfair situation, as many of our soldiers do. He made a mistake that many of his comrades have, and the military has chosen to make an example out of him. They have recently informed him that he will be receiving an artical 15, and losing his stripes. He has one and half years remaining to serve his country. I am afraid that the JAG lawyers are not optimistic in his case. If there is anything you can do, if you are friendly with any congressmen, my entire family would be indebted to you. If you or one of your representatives would please con

sider contacting my brother, the number he's available at is 208-283-4486. He is currently in Mountain Home Idaho. Thank you for your time, and your dedication to the beautiful state of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Stefanie Deal and Family

P.S. Unfortunately, I cannot access my email at this time, so if you wish to contact me, please call me at home. 907-373-7965

stefaniedeal@excite.com

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**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 5:24 AM  
**To:** PARNELL; S (GOV sponsored); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Cc:** Leschper; Beth (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV)  
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**From:** "PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored)" <sr.parnell@alaska.gov>

**Date:** Sun, 09 Dec 2007 21:49:09

**To:** "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

**Cc:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Governor's Remarks

Mike,

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That's all I have. Looks like good work so far. Thanks.

Sean

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**From:** PARNELL, S (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=SRPARNELL1]

**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 10:49 AM

**To:** 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

**Subject:** Remarks

Your new wording is very good—I like the emphasis on slowing government spending growth, accountability, results, open & transparent, etc. See you soon.

Sean

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**From:** Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=GOVSP]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:40 AM  
**To:** gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Leighow; Sharon W (GOV); Rehfeld; Karen J (GOV); Leschper; Beth (GOV); sr.parnell@alaska.gov  
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**From:** Mason, Janice L (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=JLMASON]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 9:42 AM  
**To:** govpalin@alaska.gov  
**Cc:** Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)  
**Subject:** Email from Carol Comeau

Governor - FYI for you also copied Mike. Janice

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us (<mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us>)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2007 10:41 PM  
**To:** Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** Education

Web mail from: Ms. Carol Comeau  
address: 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage AK 99504  
742-4312

MESSAGE:

Governor Palin,

Thank you so much for your vision, leadership, and support for our public schools this week. I cannot tell you how much all of us want to celebrate with you. The idea that we could actually plan ahead, really focus on student achievement, connecting with parents and families, and really digging into the serious issues of low graduation rates and high drop out rates excites me very much. We spend too much time trying to justify our collective needs, when we should be focused on teaching and learning.

You and your staff are to be commended for honoring the work of the Joint Funding Task Force and for honoring your commitments made during the election for early and forward funding.

My sincere thanks,  
Carol Comeau  
ASD Superintendent

comeau\_carol@asdk12.org  
PLEASE ADD TO E-NEWS

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**From:** Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AEKREITZER]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2007 6:57 PM  
**To:** Kim; Anna C (GOV); Leschper, Beth (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

This was all correct. I never thought about the angle of the Governor's father being a teacher. It has always been about how we can best pay down the unfunded liability, and with the savings from paying it down now, have less of a future obligation so that money can be invested in other State needs.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kim, Anna C (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2007 1:29 PM  
**To:** Leschper, Beth (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Cc:** Kreitzer, Annette E (DOA)  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Okay.

Anna

Anna Clark Kim  
Special Staff Assistant  
Office of the Governor

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**From:** Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2007 1:28 PM  
**To:** Kim, Anna C (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Anna:

I answered before you did -- sorry -- I just sent Mr. Cox the info and the link to the news release from today.

Next time I'll forward information for your use unless it's a reporter.

Beth

-----Original Message-----

From: Kim, Anna C (GOV)  
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 1:21 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Budget

I can using information from Beth and getting more info from Kreitzer.

Anna Clark Kim  
Special Staff Assistant  
Office of the Governor

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 1:20 PM  
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Kim, Anna C (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Budget

Are you going to respond to Mr. Cox, or do you want me to forward your response to him?  
-Michelle

-----Original Message-----

From: Leschper, Beth (GOV)  
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 12:58 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored); Kim, Anna C (GOV)  
Subject: RE: Budget

It is only TRS.

Although we do have a current unfunded liability of more than \$8 billion for the state's retirement systems -- \$3.1 billion for the Teachers Retirement System and \$5.4 billion for the Public Employees Retirement System, this proposal is only for TRS.

During the 2007 session, the legislature appropriated \$270 million to school districts and the University of Alaska for TRS and \$185 million to PERS employers.

The administration will continue to take action to reduce the entire liability.

But this proposal is for \$450 million in funds from the FY08 surplus would be deposited to TRS to reduce the unfunded liability and provide future savings in the State's required contributions to TRS.

The TRS is almost completely funded with general fund dollars. Making a FY 08 general fund contribution to TRS will give the State the "biggest bang for the buck" on reducing the amount of general fund dollars necessary in the FY09 and future budgets for the TRS.

The projected savings to the state would be \$43.1 million. The savings would continue each year until the unfunded liability is reduced to zero.

The net present value of the total savings over a 25-year period is \$607 million.

Beth

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Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 12:53 PM  
To: Leschper, Beth (GOV); Kim, Anna C (GOV)  
Subject: FW: Budget

Not sure who can answer his question?

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Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2007 3:16 PM  
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)  
Subject: Budget

Web mail from: Mr. Rob Cox

address: 261 Anna St. Palmer AK 99645

(907) 746-1133

MESSAGE:

On the State website you state that the two year savings plan includes a \$450 million contribution to the unfunded liability of TRS. Would it be more accurate to have printed TRS/PERS? If not, why not? As a public employee I am deeply concerned if contributions to the unfunded liability are inequitably distributed and hope that this is not a prejudiced contribution because of family professions. Thank you.

pseapresident@psea.net

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